

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Vicki Wood.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00166/TCA	T1: Sycamore - Fell. T2: Norway Maple - Fell. T3: Common Ash - Remove lapsed regrowth at top of stem back to previous. T4: English Oak - Remove major deadwood at top of tree over footpath. T5: Silver Birch - Fell.	Land Adjacent To Manor Cottages Wymondley Road Willian Hertfordshire SG6 2AW

Submitted Plan Nos

Tree report

1.0 **Planning Practice Guidance**

- 1.1 Tree Preservation Orders and Trees in Conservation Areas 2014
- 1.2 Hertfordshire County Council Tree and Woodland Strategy 2022–2030
- 1.3 North Hertfordshire Council Tree Strategy 2017

2.0 **Relevant Site History**

- 2.1 23/02238/TCA - G1 - Group of mixed species. - To reduce by up to 3m. Remove deadwood from crowns, remove any standing dead trees. No objection.

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The land where the trees are located is adjacent to Manor Farm Cottages and to the rear of Penn Way in the Willian Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

T1: Sycamore - Fell.

T2: Norway Maple - Fell.

T3: Common Ash - Remove lapsed regrowth at top of stem back to previous.

T4: English Oak - Remove major deadwood at top of tree over footpath.

T5: Silver Birch - Fell.

4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are; the amenity value of the trees; the impact of the proposed work on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area; any justification for the proposed work and; whether, taking full account of the above, it would be expedient and in the public interest to make a Tree Preservation Order.
- 4.3.2 The trees are identified on the submitted plan and the application is accompanied by a Tree Report dated 17/01/2025.
- 4.3.3 The trees form part of a larger group of trees located on land between Manor Farm Cottages to the south and Penn Way to the north. The Tree Report which accompanies the application examines the condition of the trees, and I am satisfied

with the findings which appear reasonable and justify the works and felling of three trees.

4.3.4 The works to trees T3 and T4 together with the felling of trees T1, T2 and T5 would not result in any significant harm to the character and appearance of the Willian Conservation Area.

4.3.5 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to trees T3 and T4 and therefore there is no evidence to suggest further protection is needed by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Willian Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed work.

Informative/s:

1. In an effort to combat climate change, North Hertfordshire Council advises that 3 native trees be planted on the land following the removal of a Sycamore (T1), Norway Maple (T2) and Silver Birch (T5) trees. Please make sure you are familiar with the planting season which runs from 1st November until 31st March, this will give the trees the best chance of survival.

Signed  Paul Chaston Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Date: 24 January 2025	